

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## Montgomery County Board of Elections Recruiting for "Future Vote" Program

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students, grades 6-12, to participate in its "Future Vote" Program. Future Vote students will serve as Election Day student aides during the 2020 Presidential Primary Election and during Primary Early Voting.

Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to participate in the Future Vote Program and, if applicable, students will receive Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action.

The Future Vote Program is available to all Montgomery County students within public, private, independent, religious or home-schools. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply.

Since 2004, over 43,600 students have participated in the Future Vote Initiative, including thousands of high school students who have served as election poll workers after their sixteenth birthday.

Students 16 years old or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election poll workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for registration in the State.

Depending on the poll worker position selected, students may choose to earn up to 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) hours or up to \$210.

Interested parents/guardians may register their student(s) by texting FV to 77788 or online by visiting the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website and selecting Future Vote at 777vote.org. For information, e-mail future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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